

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on January 25, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 198, 1/20/2017; HB 275, 1/19/2017; HB 276, 1/19/2017;
SB 13, 1/19/2017

HEARING ON SB 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:48 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 13, Revise board of horseracing executive secretary duties.

00:02:38 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:04 Doug Mitchell, Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:28 Rep. Olsen
00:05:59 Sen. Fitzpatrick
00:06:16 Rep. Vinton
00:06:39 Doug Mitchell, DOC
00:06:59 Rep. Vinton
00:07:16 Doug Mitchell, DOC
00:07:24 Rep. Curdy
00:07:52 Doug Mitchell, DOC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:28 Sen. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:01 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 198, Revise distribution of death certificate fee increase.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:29 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association
00:21:58 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

EXHIBIT(buh18a01)

00:26:23 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders
00:26:55 Niles Nelson, Montana Funeral Directors Association
00:33:05 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:35:59 Mike Clouse, Disabled American Veterans of Montana
00:37:08 Roger Hagan, American Legion
00:39:08 Jim Brown, Montana Funeral Directors Association

EXHIBIT(buh18a02)

EXHIBIT(buh18a03)

EXHIBIT(buh18a04)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:33 Nick Domitrovich, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:46 Rep. Gunderson
 00:49:36 Niles Nelson, Montana Funeral Directors Association
 00:51:08 Rep. Gunderson
 00:51:28 Niles Nelson, Montana Funeral Directors Association
 00:52:10 Rep. Vinton
 00:52:39 Nick Domitrovich, DPHHS
 00:53:03 Rep. Grubbs
 00:53:32 Rep. Wagoner
 00:54:10 Rep. Grubbs
 00:54:19 Rep. Wagoner
 00:54:36 Rep. Grubbs
 00:54:41 Rep. Wagoner
 00:55:14 Rep. Olsen
 00:55:56 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association
 00:57:45 Rep. Olsen
 00:58:33 Nick Domitrovich, DPHHS
 00:59:44 Rep. Fitzgerald
 01:00:10 Rep. Wagoner
 01:01:18 Rep. Fitzgerald
 01:02:14 Rep. Zolnikov
 01:03:29 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association
 01:05:15 Rep. Zolnikov
 01:05:56 Nick Domitrovich, DPHHS
 01:06:46 Rep. Ricci
 01:07:16 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association
 01:08:25 Rep. Ricci
 01:08:53 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association
 01:09:46 Rep. Schreiner
 01:10:17 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association
 01:10:58 Rep. Schreiner
 01:11:05 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association,
 01:11:12 Rep. Loge
 01:11:38 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association
 01:12:15 Rep. Olsen

EXHIBIT(buh18a05)

01:12:38 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association
 01:13:41 Rep. Olsen
 01:14:16 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association
 01:15:05 Rep. Olsen
 01:15:11 Rep. Schreiner
 01:16:08 Nick Domitrovich, DPHHS
 01:18:19 Rep. Vinton

01:18:54 Niles Nelson, Montana Funeral Directors Association
01:19:35 Rep. Curtis
01:20:23 Roger Hagen, American Legion

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:41 Rep. Wagoner

01:27:38 Chair Noland

HEARING ON HB 275

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:30:31 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 275, Revise laws related to occupational diseases.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:37:23 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony:

01:39:00 Bryan Page, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

01:41:23 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:42:22 Rep. Vinton
01:43:09 Rep. Dunwell
01:44:27 Rep. Ricci
01:44:51 Bryan Page, DLI
01:44:58 Rep. Ricci
01:45:05 Bryan Page, DLI
01:45:30 Rep. Ricci
01:45:50 Harold Blattie, MACo
01:46:12 Rep. Loge
01:46:37 Bryan Page, DLI
01:46:57 Rep. Gunderson
01:47:33 Rep. Dunwell
01:48:21 Rep. Gunderson
01:49:00 Rep. Dunwell
01:50:29 Bryan Page, DLI
01:50:40 Rep. Gunderson
01:51:16 Bryan Page, DLI
01:51:49 Rep. Schreiner
01:52:30 Rep. Dunwell
01:52:42 Rep. Schreiner
01:53:08 Rep. Dunwell
01:53:48 Rep. Schreiner
01:54:08 Rep. Dunwell
01:54:23 Rep. Gunderson
01:55:14 Bryan Page, DLI

01:55:57 Rep. Zolnikov
01:57:06 Rep. Dunwell
01:58:26 Rep. Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

01:58:52 Rep. Dunwell

HEARING ON HB 276

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:02:17 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 276, Revise reimbursement for pharmacies.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:05:54 Paul Brand, Montana Pharmacy Association

02:08:01 Tony King, Geneva Woods Pharmacy

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a07\)](#)

02:08:17 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting.

02:10:33 Brian Heeney, St. Peter's Hospital

02:13:31 Josh Morris, Montana Pharmacy Association

02:16:18 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a08\)](#)

02:18:34 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

02:19:25 Jerry Driscoll, Independent Pharmacy Cooperative

Opponents' Testimony:

02:20:22 Abigail Stoddard, Prime Therapeutics

02:22:53 Bruce Spencer, Express Scripts, Inc.

02:25:33 John Doran, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana

02:27:41 Lance Zanto, Department of Administration (DOA) Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority

02:29:44 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a09\)](#)

02:32:02 Jessie Luther, CVS Health

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:34:08 Rep. Zolnikov

02:34:39 Josh Morris, Montana Pharmacy Association

02:35:44 Rep. Zolnikov

02:36:59 Abigail Stoddard, Prime Therapeutics

02:38:40 Rep. Curtis

02:39:21 Bruce Spencer, Express Scripts, Inc.

02:40:19 Rep. Curdy

02:40:52 Brian Heeney, St. Peter's Hospital

02:43:16 Rep. Curdy
02:43:54 Rep. Ricci
02:44:28 Paul Brandt, Montana Pharmacy Association
02:46:20 Rep. Vinton
02:46:45 Abigail Stoddard, Prime Therapeutics
02:47:52 Rep. Fitzgerald
02:48:36 Paul Brand, Montana Pharmacy Association
02:49:18 Rep. Fitzgerald
02:49:33 Paul Brand, Montana Pharmacy Association
02:50:13 Rep. Trebas
02:50:37 Paul Brand, Montana Pharmacy Association
02:51:59 Rep. Gunderson
02:52:30 Bruce Spencer, Express Scripts, Inc.
02:53:12 Rep. Loge
02:53:42 Paul Brand, Montana Pharmacy Association
02:54:53 Rep. Ricci
02:55:21 Paul Brand, Montana Pharmacy Association

Closing by Sponsor:

02:55:45 Rep. Greef

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a11\)](#)

02:57:16 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:57:48

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh18aad.pdf](#))